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### Meeting Minutes of the Consistory of the First Reformed Church

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15 May 1866

Holland, Michigan

At a meeting of the consistory of the First Reformed Church at which Elder Oonk presided in the absence of Rev. Albertus C. Van Raalte, routine matters were dealt with. Among the new people received were M. I. Oggel and Maria Oggel from Kalamazoo. The consistory approved a proposal that Gerrit Wakker, the clerk, be remunerated for "his time and sacrifice during the absence of the pastor."

In Dutch; translation by Rev. William and Althea Buursma, 2000.

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Consistory Meeting of May 15, 1866

Absent: Brothers de Bruin, Kieft, and te Roller.

ARTICLE 1 – The meeting was opened with prayer by Brother Oonk.

ARTICLE 2 – Brother Oonk was chosen as chairman.

ARTICLE 3 – Present at the meeting was Kriena de Feiter, nee Zandee, requesting to be admitted to the table of the Lord. Approved.

ARTICLE 4 – Present at the meeting was Joh. Ellenbaas. He submitted a long letter, which he had previously presented to classis. This matter was returned to his consistory. He now gave the letter, plus some additional writing, and, at the same time, expressed critique about the answer which had been given to his previous writing, etc.

It was decided to place this letter on the table until an unspecified time.

ARTICLE 5 – The minutes were read and approved.

ARTICLE 6 – Membership transfers were received for M. I. Oggel and Maria Oggel, nee Pijster, from Kalamazoo, dated May 3, 1866. Also for Martinus Lijzen and Johanna Maria Geziena Lijzen, nee Zalsman, from Deventer, Netherlands, dated September 15, 1865.

ARTICLE 7 – The committee, consisting of Labots and Wakker, reported that they have found Mr. Vlietstra and also his wife in a very worldly and tragic condition. They were unconcerned about the fear of the Lord and not inclined to give up their play house (theater), unless they can do so by profiting from this, etc.

ARTICLE 8 – The committee for Taeke, consisting of Keppel and Wilterdink, reports that they have informed him that he is under discipline.

ARTICLE 9 – Keppel reports that there has been a request to purchase from us a lot and block. It was decided to place this in the hands of a committee, consisting of Geerlings and te Roller, but the lot is not to be sold for less than \$500.00.

ARTICLE 10 – It was decided that Wakker and Keppel will be added to the committee for the building of a church on the county line.

ARTICLE 11 – It was decided that Wakker will be remunerated for his time and sacrifice during the absence of the pastor.

The meeting was closed by Brother Broek.

G. Wakker, clerk